Bill	Summary	Patron	Status
Broadban	d/Telecommunications		
<u>HB1052</u>	Provision of telecommunications services by local governments. Authorizes any locality to provide any telecommunications service, including cable television services, Internet, broadband, telephone service, and wireless Internet service, within its boundaries, after holding a public hearing, adopting a resolution, and obtaining approval from the State Corporation Commission.	Levine	12/4/20: House - Left in CC&T
<u>HB1923</u>	Electric utilities; broadband capacity pilot program. Expands an existing pilot program under which Dominion Energy and Appalachian Power are authorized to provide or make available broadband capacity to Internet service providers in areas of the Commonwealth that are unserved by broadband to include municipal Internet service providers. The current program is restricted to nongovernmental Internet service providers.	Ayala	1/10/21: House - Committee referral pending
SB536	Incentives for telecommunications companies; provision of wireless broadband services. Directs the Tobacco Region Revitalization Commission to award at least \$50 million per year in grants to cover expenditures for the purchase and installation of wireless and broadband equipment to rural service areas in the Commonwealth. The bill defines "rural service areas" as any locality with a mean broadband download speed of less than 10 megabits per second, and a mean broadband upload speed of less than one megabit per second.	Edwards	12/4/20: Senate - Left in Finance and Appropriations
Economic	Development	T	
<u>HB124</u>	Virginia Minority Business Commission; report. Establishes a 13-member legislative Commission to promote the growth and competitiveness of Virginia minority-owned businesses. The bill provides that the Commission sunsets on July 1, 2023.	Miyares	12/4/20: House - Left in Appropriations
HB496	Virginia Tourism Authority; marketing model for casinos. Directs the Executive Director of the Virginia Tourism Authority to develop a state and local tourist marketing model for casinos in the Commonwealth that shall include (i) identification of the Authority's specific and measurable marketing goals and the timetable to achieve such goals, (ii) identification of specific marketing activities, and (iii) the development of quantifiable metrics and performance measures for attaining each such goal. The bill also requires the Authority to report to the Governor and the General Assembly on its marketing model and its progress toward meeting the goals and objectives stated in the marketing model. The provisions of the bill shall not become effective unless and until legislation legalizing casino gaming in the Commonwealth is passed by the 2020 Session of the General Assembly and becomes law.	Marshall	12/4/20: House - Left in Appropriations
HB1881	Enterprise zone job creation grants. Provides that, for purposes of wage requirements for the enterprise zone job creation grant program, the minimum wage shall be the higher of the state minimum wage or the federal minimum wage. The bill also reduces the percentage of the minimum wage that grant eligible jobs must meet. The bill has a delayed effective date of January 1, 2022.	Heretick	1/8/21: House - Referred to Labor and Commerce

Bill	Summary	Patron	Status
<u>HJ529</u>	Study; Department of Labor and Industry; apprenticeship programs; report. Requests the Department of Labor and Industry to study the need for apprenticeship training programs in Virginia, including (i) the future workforce needs of the construction industry; (ii) the economic impacts of a lack of highly skilled, well-trained craft personnel; (iii) construction industry workforce needs in the Commonwealth in response to potential large-scale investments in infrastructure by the federal government; (iv) what role apprenticeship programs will play in the development and acceleration of new industries, such as renewable energy; (v) whether the expansion of apprenticeships would contribute to greater diversity in construction workforce participation from women and people of color; and (vi) how expanding apprenticeship training programs would affect job security and workplace safety in the Commonwealth. In addition, the Department is requested to undertake an in-depth study of best practices used by state governments and convene a stakeholder advisory group to discuss expansion of critically needed apprenticeship training programs in the Commonwealth's construction industry.	Simonds	1/8/21: House - Referred to Rules
<u>SB363</u>	Education and workforce development; Virginia Works Portal created; report. Creates the Virginia Works Portal to provide one-stop access to information regarding education pathways, career opportunities, and workforce development information available from agencies, institutions, and entities around the Commonwealth. The bill provides that the Portal provide an interactive, user-friendly environment and must be available to the public by July 1, 2021. The bill creates the Virginia Works Board chaired by the Governor's Chief Workforce Development Advisor to oversee the Portal and the Virginia Works Advisory Committee of public and private sector stakeholders to advise the Board. The Virginia Works Board is directed to report annually to the Joint Subcommittee on the Future Competitiveness of Virginia Higher Education and to the Governor and Chairmen of the House Committee on Appropriations and the Senate Committee on Finance.	Dunnavant	12/4/20: Senate - Left in Finance and Appropriations
<u>HB1621</u>	Virginia Urban Agriculture Advisory Council created; report. Creates the Virginia Urban Agriculture Advisory Council as an advisory council in the legislative branch of state government to encourage urban agriculture and contribute to building a local food economy. The bill has an expiration date of July 1, 2023.	Plum	12/4/20: Senate - Left in Finance and Appropriations
<u>SB854</u>	Virginia Urban Agriculture Advisory Council created; report. Creates the Virginia Urban Agriculture Advisory Council as an advisory council in the legislative branch of state government to encourage urban agriculture and contribute to building a local food economy. The bill has an expiration date of July 1, 2023.	Petersen	12/4/20: Senate - Left in Finance and Appropriations
Education		Π	I
<u>HB1584</u>	Public institutions of higher education; State Council of Higher Education for Virginia; business advisory committee. Establishes a business advisory committee, consisting of business and industry leaders in the Commonwealth, to advise the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia regarding the approval of new academic programs at public institutions of higher education in relation to current workforce and industry needs in the Commonwealth and other relevant topics deemed fit by the committee.	Davis	12/4/20: House - Left in Education
SB1170	Additional local sales and use tax to support schools. Adds Isle of Wight County to the list of localities that, under current law, are authorized to impose an additional local sales and use tax at a rate not to exceed one percent, with the revenue used only for capital projects for the construction or renovation of schools.	Norment	1/8/21: Senate - Referred to Finance and Appropriations

Bill	Summary	Patron	Status
Emergency	Management		
<u>HB959</u>	Establishing a resilience hub pilot program to assist vulnerable communities during emergency situations. Directs the Department of Emergency Management to establish a two-year resilience hub pilot program to assist vulnerable communities during emergency situations. The bill defines a "resilience hub" as a simple combination of solar panels and batteries that ensures continuous power to a publicly accessible building when severe weather events or other grid disruptions cause an electrical outage.	Bourne	12/4/20: House - Left in Labor and Commerce
<u>SB1131</u>	Emergency Services and Disaster Law; limitation on duration of executive orders. Limits the duration of any executive order issued by the Governor pursuant to his powers under the Emergency Services and Disaster Law to no more than 45 days from the date of issuance. The bill provides that if the General Assembly does not take any action on the rule, regulation, or order within the 45 days during which the rule, regulation, or order is effective, the Governor shall thereafter be prohibited from issuing the same or a similar rule, regulation, or order relating to the same emergency. Under current law, once issued, such executive orders are effective until June 30 following the next regular session of the General Assembly.	Suetterlein	12/31/20: Senate - Referred to General Laws and Technology
Energy			
<u>HB547</u>	Virginia Energy and Economy Transition Council established. Establishes the Virginia Energy and Economy Transition Council, consisting of 30 members, to develop plans to assist the Commonwealth in transitioning from the use of fossil fuel energy to renewable energy by 2050. The bill provides that the Council sunsets on July 1, 2023.	Delaney	12/4/20: Senate - Left in Finance and Appropriations
HB1834	Electric utilities; closure of carbon-emitting generating units. Requires each owner of a large carbon-emitting power plant to provide a facility retirement study every 18 months. The bill requires that whenever a generation asset owner makes the decision to close a plant, such owner must provide notice to relevant localities and state agencies within 14 days of making that decision.	Subramanyam	1/6/21: House - Referred to Labor and Commerce
<u>HB1855</u>	Department of Mines, Minerals and Energy. Renames the Department of Mines, Minerals and Energy as the Department of Energy. Within the Department, the bill renames the Division of Mined Land Reclamation as the Division of Mined Land Repurposing and renames the Division of Energy as the Division of Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency. The bill makes substantive changes, removing the requirement that the Chief of the Division of Mines be appointed by the Governor and authorizing an employee other than the Virginia Gas and Oil Inspector to serve as the principal executive of the staff of the Virginia Gas and Oil Board. The bill also provides that the Chief Clean Energy Policy Advisor shall be appointed by the Governor. The bill removes or updates outdated language, changing the title of the head of the Division Mined Land Repurposing from Commissioner to Director and changing the identity of the division overseeing permits for certain mining operations from the Division of Mined Land Repurposing to the Division of Mineral Mining.	Sullivan	1/7/21: House - Referred to ACNR

Bill	Summary	Patron	Status
<u>HB1859</u>	Local financing of clean energy and other programs; when owner costs are incurred. Changes the parameters for local ordinances authorizing loan contracts for the installation by property owners of clean energy, resiliency, or stormwater management improvements. The bill provides that if the property owner incurred the costs of improvements to be refinanced or reimbursed within the two years prior to the closing date of the financing, the loan amount may include the total costs of the improvements to be refinanced or reimbursed. The bill removes the requirement that the applicable local ordinance include the proposed interest rate for the loan program and the maximum aggregate dollar amount that may be financed with respect to a property, and it provides that no loan offered under the program shall be used to improve a residential dwelling that contains fewer than five dwelling units or a residential condominium. The bill alters the fee options available to the locality and provides that the placement of a voluntary special assessment lien does not require a new assessment of the value of the real property. The bill contains technical amendments.	Guy	1/7/21: House - Referred to Counties Cities and Towns
HB1919	Local green banks. Authorizes a locality, by ordinance, to establish a green bank to promote the investment in clean energy technologies in its locality and provide financing for clean energy technologies, defined in the bill. The bill establishes certain powers and functions of a green bank, including developing rules and procedures, financing and providing loans for clean energy projects, and stimulating demand for renewable energy. The bill requires the green bank to be a public entity, quasi-public entity, or nonprofit entity and requires the locality to hold a hearing and publish notice in a newspaper of general circulation prior to establishing the green bank.	Kory	1/10/21: House - Committee referral pending
<u>HB1925</u>	Virginia Brownfield and Coal Mine Renewable Energy Grant Fund and Program; handbook. Establishes the Virginia Brownfield and Coal Mine Renewable Energy Grant Fund and Program (the Fund and Program). The bill provides that no allocation of funds shall be made to the Fund or Program unless federal funds are available to cover the cost of such allocation. The Fund and Program shall be administered by the Department of Mines, Minerals and Energy for the purpose of awarding grants to renewable energy projects that are located on brownfields or previously coal mined lands, both defined in the bill. Grants are to be awarded on a basis of \$500 per kilowatt of nameplate capacity from renewable energy sources that are located on previously coal mined lands and \$100 per kilowatt of nameplate capacity from renewable energy sources that are located on brownfields.	Kilgore	1/10/21: House - Committee referral pending

Bill	Summary	Patron	Status
HB1937	Green New Deal Act. Establishes a moratorium, effective January 1, 2022, on approval by any state agency or political subdivision of any approval required for (i) electric generating facilities that generate fossil fuel energy through the combustion of a fossil fuel resource; (ii) import or export terminals for fossil fuel resources; (iii) certain maintenance activities relating to an import or export terminal for a fossil fuel resource; (iv) gathering lines or pipelines for the transport of any fossil fuel resource that- require the use of eminent domain on private property; (v) certain maintenance activities relating to such gathering lines or pipelines; (vi) refineries of a fossil fuel resource; and (vii) exploration for any type of fossil fuel, unless preempted by applicable federal law. The measure also requires that at least 80 percent of the electricity sold by a retail electric supplier in calendar years 2028 through 2035 be generated from clean energy resources. In calendar year 2036 and every calendar year thereafter, 100 percent of the electricity sold by a retail electric supplier is required to be generated from clean energy resources. The clean energy mandates apply to a public utility or other person that sells not less than 1,000 megawatt hours of electric energy for retail customers or generates not less than 1,000 megawatt hours of electric energy for use by the person. The Director of the Department of Mines, Minerals and Energy is authorized to bring actions for injunctions to enforce these requirements. The measure requires the Department to adopt a Climate Action Plan that addresses all aspects of climate change, including mitigation, adaptation, resiliency, and assistance in the transition from current energy sources to clean renewable energy. The measure provides that any retail electric supplier that fails to meet any goal or benchmark is liable for a civil penalty equal to twice the cost of the financial investment necessary to meet such goal or benchmark that was not achieved, or thre		1/11/21: House - Committee
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HB1801	Disposing of litter; penalty. Increases the fine for dumping or disposing of litter, trash, or other unsightly matter on public or private property from a minimum of \$250 and a maximum of \$2,500 to a minimum of \$500 and a maximum of \$5,000. The bill also increases the mandatory minimum period of community service in lieu of confinement in jail from 10 hours to 40 hours.	Edmunds	1/4/21: House - Referred to Transportation
<u>HB1965</u>	State Air Pollution Control Board; low-emissions and zero-emissions vehicle program. Directs the State Air Pollution Control Board to implement a low-emissions and zero-emissions vehicle program for motor vehicles with a model year of 2025 and later. Regulations adopted by the Board to implement the program are exempt from the Administrative Process Act and shall not become effective prior to January 1, 2024.	Bagby	1/11/21: House - Committee referral pending
<u>HJ527</u>	Study; Department of Conservation and Recreation and Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services; invasive plant species work group; report. Requests the Department of Conservation and Recreation, jointly with the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, to establish a work group to study the sale and use of invasive plant species. The resolution requests that the departments work with several state agencies, conservation nonprofits, and plant industry and agriculture groups to develop recommendations regarding statutory and regulatory changes intended to reduce or eliminate the sale and use of invasive plant species in the Commonwealth and promote the sale and use of native plants.	Bulova	1/7/21: House - Referred to Rules

Bill	Summary	Patron	Status
HJ538	Access to water; human right. Recognizing that access to clean, potable, and affordable water is a necessary human right.	Aird	1/10/21: House - Committee referral pending
SB318	Release of balloons; prohibition. Reduces the number of balloons per hour that a person may release without penalty from 49 to one.	Kiggans	12/4/20: Senate - Left in ACNR
<u>SB486</u>	Study; VDACS; sources, scale, and prevention of food waste in the Commonwealth; report. Directs the Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (VDACS) to study, in consultation with the Department of Environmental Quality and stakeholders, the sources, scale, and prevention of food waste in the Commonwealth. In conducting its study, VDACS shall (i) assess the total annual statewide rate of preventable food waste received by landfills within the Commonwealth; (ii) identify the industry sectors within the Commonwealth that contribute to preventable food waste, and determine their rate of contribution to such waste; (iii) identify alternative uses of food that is wasted; and (iv) recommend policies to reduce the annual rate of preventable food waste in the Commonwealth with data-driven reduction targets and timelines, including food donation requirements for certain food waste from grocery stores and restaurants. The provisions of the bill are contingent on funding in a general appropriation act.	Favola	12/4/20: House - Left in Rules
SB1164	Advanced recycling; not considered solid waste management; definition. Defines "advanced recycling" as a manufacturing process for the conversion of post-use polymers and recovered feedstocks into basic hydrocarbon raw materials and other materials. The bill provides that advanced recycling shall not be considered solid waste management. The bill also defines "gasification," "post-use polymer," and other terms related to advanced recycling.	Hanger	1/8/21: Senate - Referred to ACNR
Housing			
Military			
Water Res	ources: Flooding and Resiliency	T	
<u>HB389</u>	Hurricane and Flooding Risk Reduction and Bond Rating Protection Act of 2020; report. Establishes the Hurricane and Flooding Risk Reduction and Bond Rating Protection Act of 2020, which establishes the Commonwealth of Virginia as a nonfederal sponsor of hurricane and flooding risk reduction projects.	Miyares	12/4/20: House - Left in ACNR
<u>HB672</u>	State, regional, and local planning; climate change. Establishes a policy of the Commonwealth to prevent and to minimize actions that contribute to the detrimental effects of climate change in the Commonwealth. The bill requires any state agency to examine any new regulation in furtherance of this policy. The bill requires local and regional planning commissions to consider the impacts from and causes of climate change in adopting a comprehensive plan, regional strategic plan, or zoning ordinance.	Willett	12/4/20: House - Left in ACNR

Bill	Summary	Patron	Status
<u>HB794</u>	Flood Insurance Fund; Iow-income Virginians. Creates a Flood Insurance Fund and directs the Executive Director of the Board of Directors of the Virginia Resources Authority to establish a program to use the Fund to subsidize the purchase of flood insurance by low-income Virginians. Such program shall include an application process, application guidelines, and a ranking system that prioritizes the use of the Fund to support the purchase of flood insurance in the most flood-prone areas.	Askew	12/4/20: House - Left in Appropriations
<u>HB1366</u>	Commissioner of Health and the Director of the Department of Environmental Quality; program to remediate septic systems in recurrently flooded areas of Resource Protection Areas. Directs the Commissioner of Health and the Director of the Department of Environmental Quality to develop a program to remediate septic systems in recurrently flooded areas of Resource Protection Areas by allowing owners of septic systems located in portions of Resource Protection Areas that are subject to recurrent flooding to add soil over the septic system tank and to the septic system drainfield to improve septic system drainfield absorption and protect the public health and safety.	Hodges	12/4/20: House - Left in ACNR
HB1373	Flood Resiliency Clearing House Program. Directs the Department of Conservation and Recreation to develop a Flood Resiliency Clearing House Program for coordinating flood mitigation solutions. The bill requires the Clearing House to solicit flood mitigation solutions from the public; coordinate with other agencies to review submitted solutions; approve appropriate solutions, favoring those that manage both water quality and flooding and emphasize nature-based solutions; and disseminate approved flood mitigation solutions.	Hodges	12/4/20: House - Left in ACNR
HB1836	Secretary of Natural Resources. Renames the Secretary of Natural Resources as the Secretary of Natural and Cultural Resources. The bill also designates the Secretary as the Chief Resilience Officer and removes the Virginia Museum of Natural History from the purview of the Secretary.	Plum	1/6/21: House - Referred to ACNR
<u>SB1061</u>	C-PACE loans; residential dwellings and condominiums. Removes an exclusion for residential dwellings with fewer than five dwelling units and condominium projects from certain requirements related to a voluntary special assessment lien that secures a loan for the initial acquisition and installation of clean energy, resiliency, or stormwater management improvements.	Petersen	12/4/20: Senate - Left in General Laws and Technology
Water Res	sources - Stormwater/Water Supply/Drinking Water		
<u>HB1464</u>	Local authority to restrict nutrient credit usage. Authorizes the governing body of any locality, by ordinance, to restrict the total nutrient credits that are generated in the locality and used in an adjacent eight-digit hydrologic unit code or fourth order subbasin to comply with stormwater nonpoint nutrient runoff water quality criteria.	Gooditis	12/4/20: House - Left in ACNR

Bill	Summary	Patron	Status
<u>HB1674</u>	Eastern Virginia Groundwater Management Area; provisional surface water withdrawal permit. Authorizes the State Water Control Board to issue a provisional surface water withdrawal permit within the Eastern Virginia Groundwater Management Area to an applicant that has not identified an end user for the water. Such permit shall not allow the withdrawal of water until an end user has been identified and the permittee has provided a report containing information on the need for and proposed use of the surface water, a description of the raw water intake, and other information. The bill provides that once the Department of Environmental Quality approves the report, the permittee shall request a permit modification. Finally, the bill provides that no potential withdrawal amount of any provisional permit shall be used in the calculation of available water when assessing a subsequent surface water withdrawal application in the affected stream reach if the provisional permit has not been modified to reflect an end user, the Department and the subsequent applicant have found the provisional withdrawal to be inappropriate, and the provisional permit holder has failed to state that an end user will be secured within 12 months.	Hodges	12/4/20: Senate - Left in ACNR
<u>HB1982</u>	Nutrient credits; use by facility with certain stormwater discharge permit. Authorizes a facility that has been issued a Virginia Pollution Discharge Elimination System (VPDES) permit regulating stormwater discharges to acquire, use, and transfer nutrient credits for compliance with any waste load allocation established as an effluent limitation in its VPDES permit so long as the credits meet several requirements. Current law allows only a facility registered under the Industrial Stormwater General Permit to use nutrient credits for such purpose.	Bulova	1/11/21: House - Committee referral pending
Water Reso	ources - Other		
HB221	Tree conservation ordinance; Chesapeake Bay Preservation Act locality; designated trees. Adds "Chesapeake Bay watershed tree," as defined in the bill, to the types of tree that a locality with a tree conservation ordinance is authorized to designate individually for preservation. Current law allows individual designation of heritage, memorial, specimen, and street trees. The bill contains technical amendments.	Mugler	12/4/20: House - Left in ACNR
<u>HB1045</u>	Tree-replacement ordinance; banking. Authorizes any locality that has adopted a tree-replacement ordinance to require a developer to make up for any net loss in tree cover by planting additional trees on property protected by a conservation easement or paying the locality to do so.	Krizek	12/4/20: House - Left in CC&T
<u>HB1329</u>	Chesapeake Bay Preservation Areas; local ordinances; penalties. Directs localities in Tidewater Virginia to incorporate certain penalties into their ordinances protecting the quality of state waters in Chesapeake Bay Preservation Areas.	Kory	12/4/20: Senate - Left in ACNR
HB1364	Resource Protection Areas; improvement plans. Directs the State Water Control Board, in promulgating regulations that establish criteria for use by local governments to determine the ecological and geographic extent of Chesapeake Bay Preservation Areas, to provide that any owner of land in a Resource Protection Area may improve such area using native plants and mixtures of organic material. The bill requires that such criteria provide that prior to implementation of such improvement, a landowner obtain a water quality impact assessment and an improvement plan with a professional stamp from a qualified landscape architect, engineer, or other relevant professional. The bill also directs the Board to approve any improvement project that has a net positive benefit to water quality.	Hodges	12/4/20: House - Left in ACNR

Bill	Summary	Patron	Status
1104745	Department of Environmental Quality; administration of Virginia Erosion and Sediment Control Programs. Directs the Department of Environmental Quality to operate a required Virginia Erosion and Sediment Control Program (VESCP) on behalf of any locality that notifies the Department of its intent to opt		10/1/20 11 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1
<u>HB1715</u>	out of operating a VESCP.	Hodges	12/4/20: House - Left in ACNR
<u>HB1983</u>	Wetland and stream mitigation banks; proximity of impacted site. Provides that when a water protection permit applicant is required to purchase wetland or stream mitigation bank credits but no credits are available (i) in any mitigation provider's primary service area or (ii) at a cost of less than 200 percent of the price of credits available from a fund dedicated to achieving no net loss of wetland acreage and functions, the applicant may purchase or use credits from a mitigation provider's secondary service area. The bill provides certain requirements that the permit applicant must comply with in order to purchase or use such credits from a secondary service area, including minimum tree canopy requirements.	Bulova	1/11/21: House - Committee referral pending
<u>SB1143</u>	Extension of certain wetlands permits through 2021. Retroactively extends until January 1, 2022, certain wetlands permits set to expire between March 1, 2020, and July 1, 2021.	Cosgrove	1/5/21: House - Referred to ACNR
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<u>HB1752</u>	Golf carts and utility vehicles; Town of Smithfield. Authorizes the governing body of the Town of Smithfield to, by ordinance, authorize a golf cart or utility vehicle to be operated on a designated public highway where the posted speed limit is 35 miles per hour or less. The bill authorizes a golf cart or utility vehicle in the Town of Smithfield to cross any highway marked as a golf cart crossing by the Department of Transportation.	Brewer	12/14/20: House - Referred to Counties, Cities and Towns
HB1804	State parks; Department of Conservation and Recreation; recommendations for funding. Directs the Department of Conservation and Recreation to develop recommendations for dedicated sources of funding for state parks that will be relatively stable from year to year. The Department shall submit its recommendations to the Chairmen of the House Committee on Agriculture, Chesapeake and Natural Resources, the House Committee on Appropriations, the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Natural Resources, and the Senate Committee on Finance and Appropriations by November 1, 2021.	Orrock	1/4/21: House - Referred to ACNR
<u>HB1907</u>	Publication of certain notices on locality's website. Provides that in any instance in which a locality is required to publish certain notices related to local planning and zoning in a newspaper having general circulation in the locality, the locality may instead choose to meet such requirement by publishing the notice on the locality's website.	Mugler	1/10/21: House - Prefiled
HB1931	Virginia Freedom of Information Act; electronic meetings. Authorizes a public body to conduct through electronic communication means a meeting for which, on or before the day of the meeting, a member of the public body holding the meeting notifies the chair that such member is unable to attend the meeting due to a family member's medical condition that requires the member to provide care for such family member, thereby preventing the member's physical attendance. The bill also clarifies that participation in an electronic meeting by a member of a public body due to the inability to attend because of a personal matter is limited each calendar year to two such meetings, which is current law, or 25 percent of the meetings held that calendar year rounded up to the next whole number, whichever is greater.	Levine	1/11/21: House - Committee referral pending

Bill	Summary	Patron	Status
<u>SB409</u>	Local impact from large landfills. Requires the Director of the Department of Environmental Quality to analyze and determine, in writing, what impacts to local water, soil, and air quality are expected from the construction and operation of a new municipal solid waste landfill that will accept 3,500 tons or more of municipal solid waste per day and to impose additional conditions or requirements, including facilities, maintenance, or operation or closure practices, as are necessary to adequately protect local water, soil, and air quality.	Hashmi	12/4/20: Senate - Left in ACNR
<u>SB1141</u>	Hampton Roads area refuse collection authority; financial planning. Changes various requirements of the Southeastern Public Service Authority (the Authority) when budgeting or incurring debt, including (i) changing the required five-year overall strategic plan to a financial plan, (ii) specifying that detailed financial plans be made only when incurring long-term debt or issuing new debt, (iii) authorizing other qualified financial consultants instead of a certified public accountant to assist in the creation of the detailed financial plan, (iv) changing from the Authority's Board of Directors to the Authority the body that performs a due diligence investigation of the appropriateness of issuing new debt, and (v) and raising the permissible threshold for the executive director of the authority to execute or commit the authority to a contract, memorandum of agreement, or memorandum of understanding without acquiring Board approval.	Cosgrove	1/4/21: Senate - Referred to Local Government